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TOTAL SERBIAN SUPREMACY AS NOVAK DJOKOVIC SLAMS 21

World No 3 quells Nick Kyrgios' challenge to win Wimbledon final. With 21 Slams, he is one short of Rafael Nadal's record

WIMBLEDON TITLE NO 7

Djokovic, one of the best grass-courters in history, made it seven wins at Wimbledon, just one short of the Open era record held by Roger Federer. With the win, the Serbian has now pocketed seven of the eight finals he has played in London. His only loss was against Andy Murray in 2013

3 HRS

Djokovic took to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3)

MASTER OF THE GAME

The match was always going to be decided between Kyrgios' service games and Djokovic's returns. The Serb won this contest by breaking him twice

The future, though, continues to remain uncertain for Djokovic. As it stands, the 21-time Major champion will not be allowed to play the next two Slams over his vaccine status

2017

THE LAST TIME DJOKOVIC LOST AT WIMBLEDON. HE'S NOW WON THE LAST FOUR TITLES IN LONDON

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A house inundated by gushing floodwaters following heavy rain that continued to pound Kodagu on Sunday | EXPRESS

Monsoon havoc in state continues

2 die in DK district; Tremors felt in Kodagu

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@ Mangaluru

HEAVY rain continued to create havoc as reports of flooding, landslides and deaths came from different parts of the state on Sunday.

At Kaniyuru in Kadaba taluk of Dakshina Kannada district, two people were feared dead after their car accidentally fell into a rivulet on Manjeshwar-Subramanya state highway. They were identified as Dhanush (26) from Kundadka near Vitla and Dhanush (21) from Manjeshwar. They were heading towards Kaniyur from Puttur when their Maruti 800 car got swept away just past midnight. But the incident came to light only at 6 am when some residents noticed broken railings and parts of the car.

The CCTV footage from a nearby mosque showed the speeding car hitting the railing and then disappearing into the stream at 12.10 am. A search operation was launched and the car was found 60 metres away from the spot.

The downpour also seems to be triggering tremors in many parts over the last few days. At 6.22 am on Sunday, an earthquake measuring 1.8 magnitude was recorded in Kodagu district. KSNMDC officials said the epicentre of the mild quake, which did not cause any damage, lay at 1.1 km south east of Aranthodu gram panchayat, Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada district bordering Kodagu.

The heavy rainfall in the Hebri region over the last one week triggered landslides at the fourth and 10th curve in Agumbe Ghat, halting traffic on NH 169. Though the work to clear the road is on, the traffic movement is unlikely to be restored by Monday, authorities said.

In Dakshina Kannada, Kali River was flowing over the dam, cutting off access to Kadra town. The river has crossed the danger mark and people in several villages have been put on alert.

Sri Lanka's Opposition agrees to form all-party interim govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A day after Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled in the face of a massive protest, Opposition parties on Sunday agreed to form an interim government to stabilise the situation.

"We agreed in principle to form a government of unity with all parties," Wimal Weerawansa of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna party's breakaway group said after a meeting of all Opposition parties. The main Opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya party's general secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara said, "We aim for an interim government of all parties for a limited period and then go for a parliamentary election." Another meeting has been lined up for Monday to discuss the convening of Parliament for the transition of power to a new government.

Gotabaya had on Saturday told the Speaker that he will resign on Wednesday. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, too, expressed his willingness to resign as soon as an alternative government takes shape. Under the Lankan Constitution, the incumbent prime minister would automatically get appointed as acting President until Parliament votes and appoint a successor to the President. Despite Gotabaya's assurance, protesters who stormed the Presidential palace and Ranil's house on Saturday refused to leave till both actually resigned. There were reports of wads of cash totalling 17.85 million Lankan rupees being found in Gotabaya's house.

In its first reaction, India said it stands with the people's attempts to realise their aspirations through democracy. PG

A protester poses for pictures while seated on Sri Lankan President's chair at the presidential palace in Colombo on Sunday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Cong removes its Goa Assembly leader

New Delhi: Trouble seems to be brewing for the Congress in Goa with eight of the 11 party MLAs likely to jump ship to the ruling BJP. Meanwhile, the Congress on Sunday removed Michael Lobo as Leader of Opposition, accusing him and former CM Digambar Kamat of "conspiring" with the ruling BJP to ensure a split |P8

CM Basavaraj Bommai welcomes NDA presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu in Bengaluruon Sunday. Later, Murmu, accompanied by Bommai and others, met JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda and sought his party's support in the July 18 presidential polls | NAGARAJA GADEKAL |P4

Ukraine dismisses its envoy to India

New Delhi: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday dismissed several of Kyiv's diplomats abroad, including its envoy to India, Igor Polikha. In a decree that gave no reason for the move, he announced the sacking of Ukraine's ambassadors to India, Germany, Czech Republic, Norway and Hungary | P7

Modi makes a 'Kali' consciousness point

Feeling a natural connection

"Whenever I had the opportunity, I visited Belur Math and the (Dakhineshwar) Kali temple (across the river); it is natural to feel a connection (with Maa Kali)," the prime minister said in his virtual address

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolkata

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the blessing of Goddess Kali is always with India, which is harnessing that spiritual energy for global welfare.

Coming as it did in the wake of the ongoing *Kaali* poster controversy, his remarks led to a political joust.

Addressing the centenary celebrations of Swami Atmasthananda, who was the 15th president of Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math, Modi said, "Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa had a vision of Maa Kali. He used to say the entire world is wrapped in Kali consciousness. A part of that consciousness he had infused in his disciple Swami Vivekananda."

Recalling his association with Swami Atmasthananda, Modi said he could see the same sincerity of devotion and the same power of *shakti sadhana* in him.

BJP leader Amit Malviya sought to derive political capital out of the address by attacking Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee and her party MP Mahua Moitra, whose sharp comments about the goddess the party disowned. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks reverentially about Maa Kali... On the other hand, a TMC MP insults Maa Kali and Mamata Banerjee instead of acting against her, defends her obnoxious portrayal," he tweeted.

The Trinamool hit back with its spokesperson Saugata Roy retorting, "How many times Modi visited Dakshineshwar temple? Not on a single occasion. Malviya is a master of lies and fake news."

Fund misuse FIR against Medha Patkar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

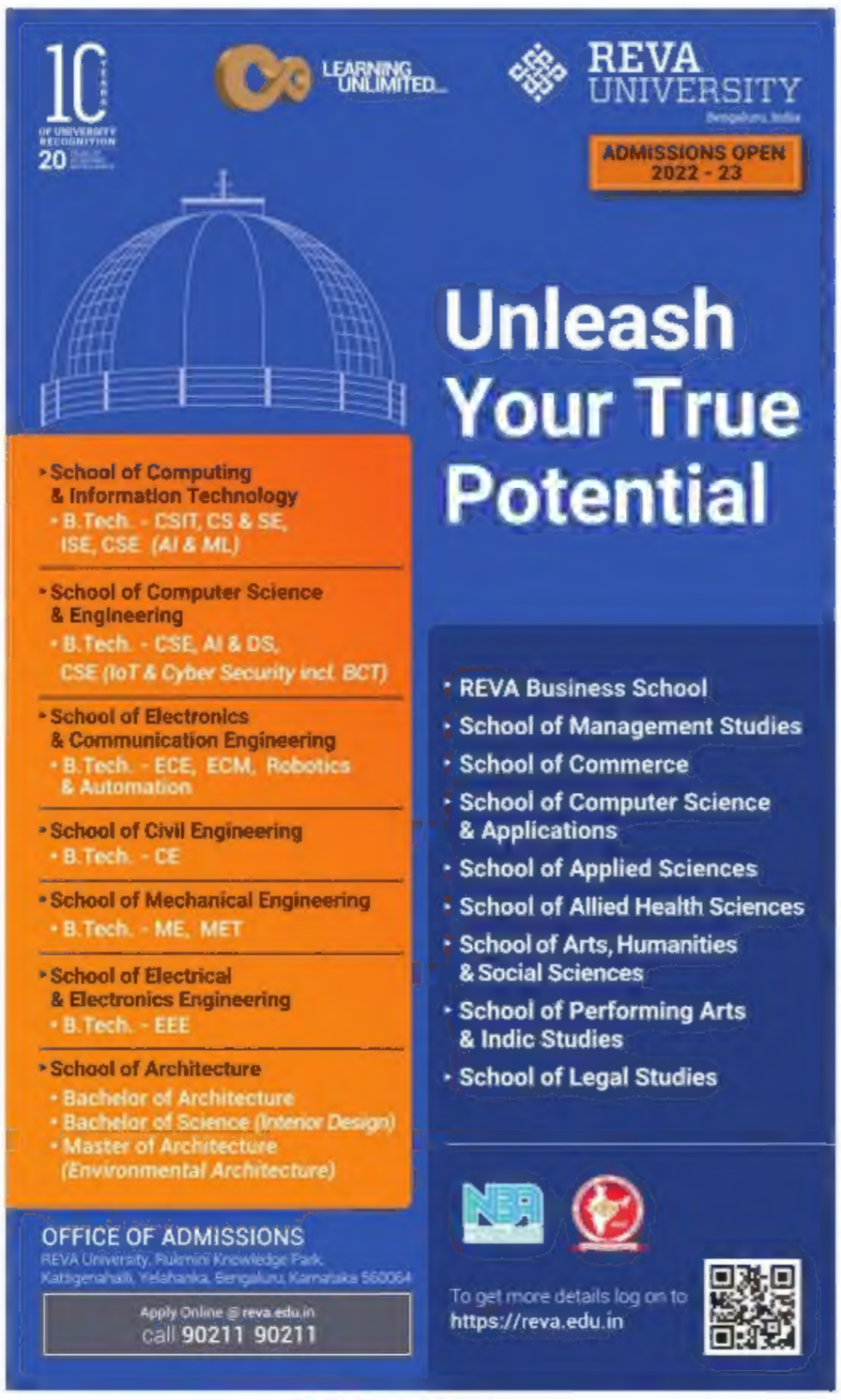
MADHYA Pradesh police have registered an FIR against Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar and 11 others, for alleged misuse of funds collected for welfare and education of tribal children. The FIR under Section 420 of the IPC (cheating) was registered at the Barwani Kotwali police station in MP's Barwani district on Saturday on a complaint filed by local social activist Pritam Raje Badole, who has previously been associated with RSS and its student wing ABVP.

In the complaint, Badole alleged that over ₹13 crore collected by Narmada Navnirman Abhiyan Trust for the welfare and education of tribal children was misused. He alleged that the money might have been used to organise protests, adding *Jeevan Shalas* (tribal schools) they claim to run are not functional.

Rejecting the charges, Patkar said: "The *Jeevan Shalas* have been run since three decades and the entire help we get for them is used for the education and welfare of around 1,000 students."

AMARNATH YATRA SUSPENDED

No fresh batch was allowed to proceed from Jammu to the twin base camps of the cave shrine due to continuing inclement weather. A flash flood near the cave shrine on Friday had led to the death of at least 16 people. Around 40 people are still missing.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